

HOUSING ACTION CAMPAIGN RENT CONTROLS NOW!

PUBLIC MEETING

**8.00pm Tues 16th February,
Portobello Hotel, Rathmines**

Speakers include:

**Simon Brooke (Focus Ireland);
Terry Connolly, UCD student activist
Derek Delanev. (SWP)**

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Landlords profit from housing crisis

Landlords and speculators are making huge profits from the housing crisis in Ireland. In the past year rents rose by 25%. Some landlords are charging up to £80 a week for grotty bedsits.

Landlords can get away with charging outrageous prices for poor accommodation because of the shortage of houses and lack of regulation.

While corrupt politicians live in luxury, the government has done nothing to protect working class people from greedy landlords. In 1982 rent control was abolished after one landlord took a case to court to challenge its legality. Since then landlords have been free to charge whatever they please.

The Local Authority is supposed to enforce minimum legal standards for all accommodation. Anyone who has tried to complain to the Authorities, however, will know that it can take more than a year to get anything done. In the meantime if you don't have a lease, the landlord can evict you or increase your rent to force you out.

Paula is one woman who knows all about the dirty tricks landlords will use to make money. Paula was faced with a £20 hike on her rent this year when she asked for paint to do up her flat.

Builders, developers, speculators, banks, building societies and landlords are all making a fortune while we are left paying through the nose for sub-standard accommodation.

The Minister for Housing, Bobby Molloy, refuses to admit that there is a housing crisis. This government will not provide one of the most basic human needs for its citizens—decent shelter. It is happy to let the free market dictate that thousands pay outrageous rents, with no security of tenure, while more people than ever are homeless.

It is a scandal that this can happen in the middle of the country's biggest economic boom.

Its time to challenge the landlords and demand our rights.

Join the campaign and fight for these demands;

Rent controls

Security of tenure

**Affordable Accommodation for all
A public housing building programme**

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